

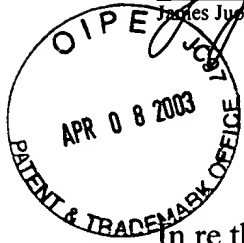
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Inventor: Zikorus, et al.

Serial No. 09/825,741

Filed: April 3, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
POSITIONING A CATHETER  
RELATIVE TO AN  
ANATOMICAL JUNCTION

Examiner: Devaang Shah

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office action of December 3, 2002, the response for which is due March 3, 2004. A one-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith. The Office action required an election of a single species from Species I through V for examination.

Applicant hereby elects, with transverse the species of Species I which is defined by the Office action to include Claims 1-22, 35-41, 50-54 and 61 drawn to methods of positioning a catheter in a hollow anatomical structure. Applicant respectfully submits

that Species I, II and III are all "drawn to methods of positioning a catheter . . .," are all classified in class 600, and share common features such that it would not be unduly burdensome to examine all of them in a single application.

Applicant respectfully requests early examination and favorable consideration of the pending claims. If the Examiner has any comments or questions regarding any of the foregoing, kindly telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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